

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2003, claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10 and 13-15 are amended, claims 3 and 12 are canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 13-17 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In support of this position, the Examiner identifies phrases that are confusing deemed to lack clear antecedent basis. By this response, each of the noted points of indefiniteness has been appropriately addressed. Specifically, the noted non-sequiturs eliminated are eliminated. Therefore, it is respectfully urged that the rejection be withdrawn.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Joyce et al. (USPN 6,550,052).

The indication that claims 3-8 and 12-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is acknowledged and appreciated.

To expedite prosecution, independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitation of dependent claim 3 now cancelled, independent claim 10 is amended to include the limitation of dependent claim 12 now cancelled, dependent claims 4-6 are amended to depend from amended claim 1, and claims dependent claims 13-14 are amended to depend from amended claim 10. Consequently, claims 1, 2 4-8, 10, 11 and 13-17, as amended, are believed to be allowable.

In addition, independent claim 9 is amended to recite "a reverse conversion means for performing reverse conversion of said calibration result to output the same as source files", which is similar to the limitations added to claims 1 and 10. Consequently, amended claim 9 is believed to be allowable also.

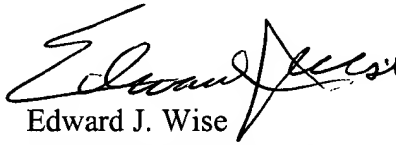
CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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